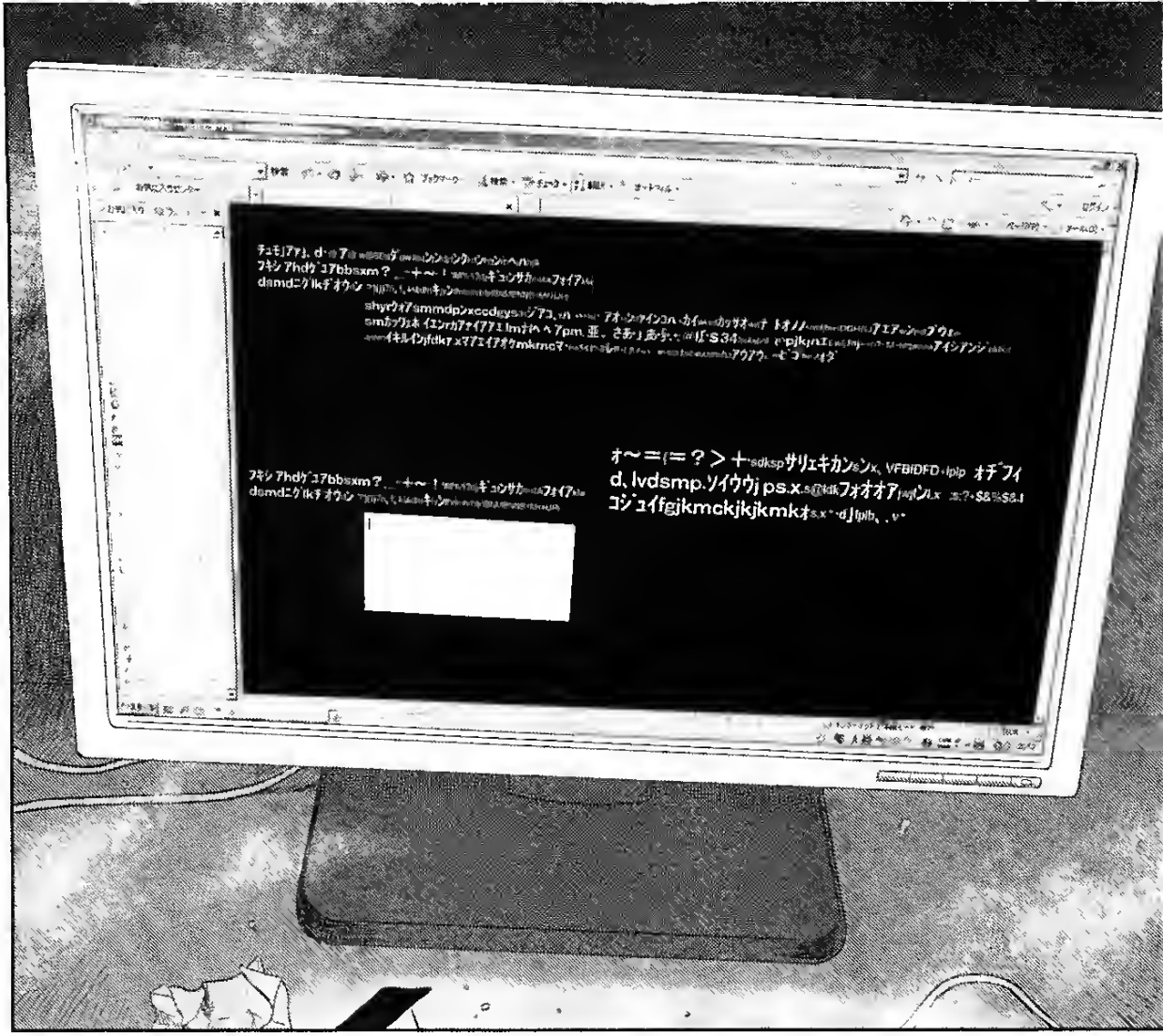
CHAPTER 17: HINT

!
WHOO-HOOO-OOOOO!!!!
I'M CONNECTED!!!
I'M CONNECTED!!!!
HEEHAHA-HAHAHA-HAHAHAHA!!!!

HEEHA-HAHAHA-HAHAHA !!!!
HEY, WHAT'S WITH ALL THE RACKET !?
.....
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT ?
.....
WHOOO !!!!
AH...
I... I'M GONNA GO CHECK IT OUT!
HEEHEE !!!
HEEHEE-HEEHAHA !!!!
EXCUSE ME! IS SOME-THING HAP-PENING!?
I'M COMING IN, OKAY?

THANK GOD!!!
THANK GOD !!!!
AH...!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
H-... HEY!
ka chi...
UH-...
BANZAI!! BANZAI!!
TO THE NET!! I'M CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET!! HAHEEHEE-HAHAHA!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHAT"!? I SAID I'M CON-NECTED!!

HEY, EVERY-ONE!! I'M CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET !!!!
WHAT!?
YOU'RE KIDDING!
WHAT?
SERIOUS-LY!?
TO THE NET!?
LOOK! LOOK! GO ON, LOOK!!
LET ME HAVE A LOOK!!



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TOHNO ....!
IT WAS ME! THE PASSION IN MY CLICKS REACHED THROUGH TO THE INTERNET!
TOKI!

IS IT TRUE!? DID HE REALLY CONNECT TO THE INTERNET!?
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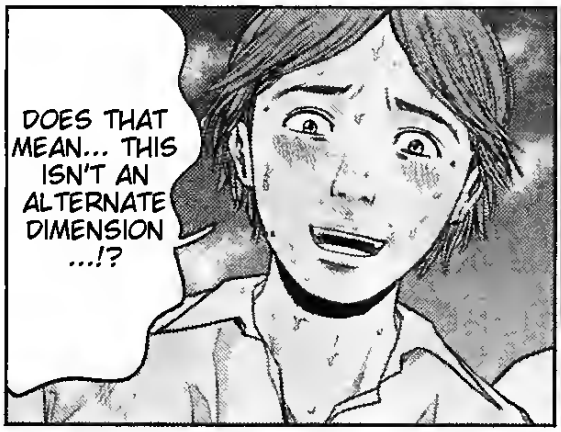
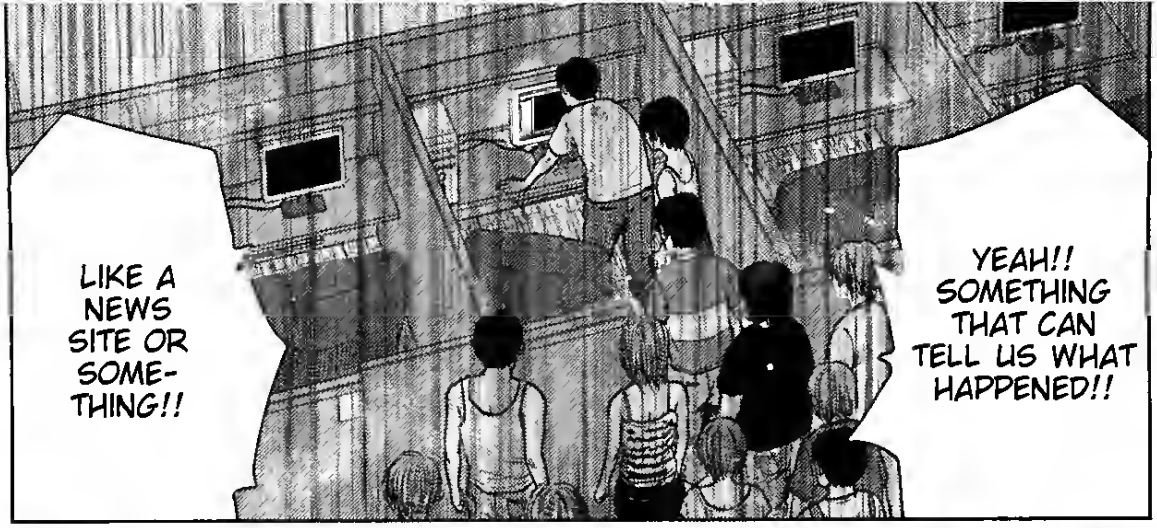
LOOK!!
TH-... THERE'S SOME WEIRD WEBPAGE SHOW-ING...

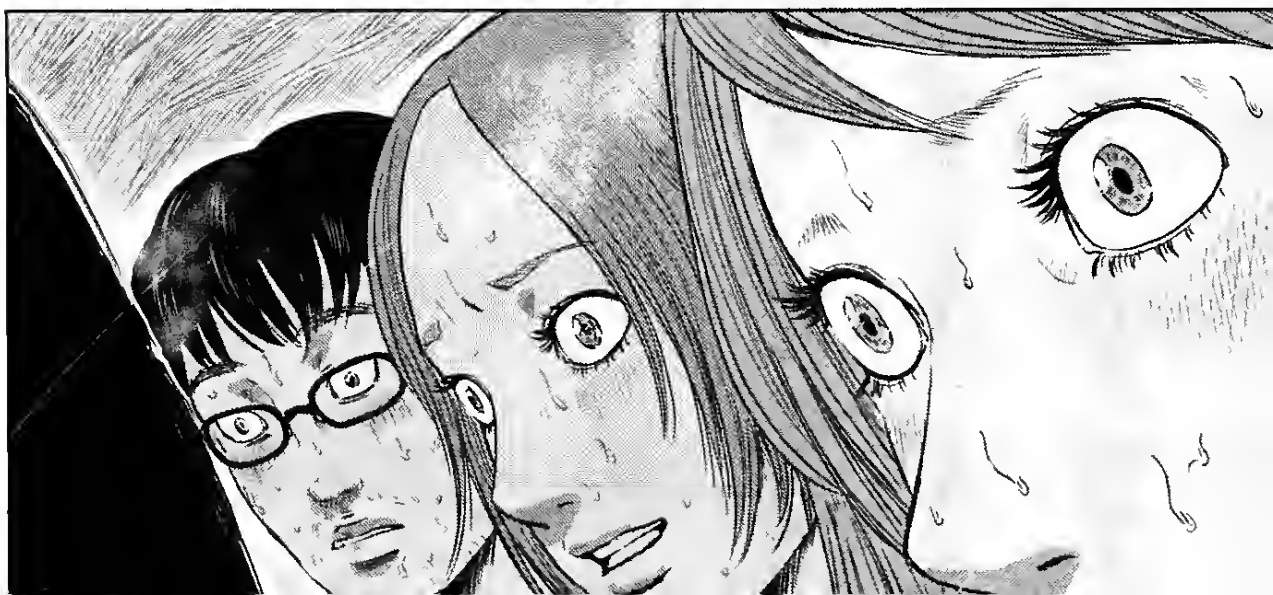

DOES THAT MEAN... THIS ISN'T AN ALTERNATE DIMENSION ...!?

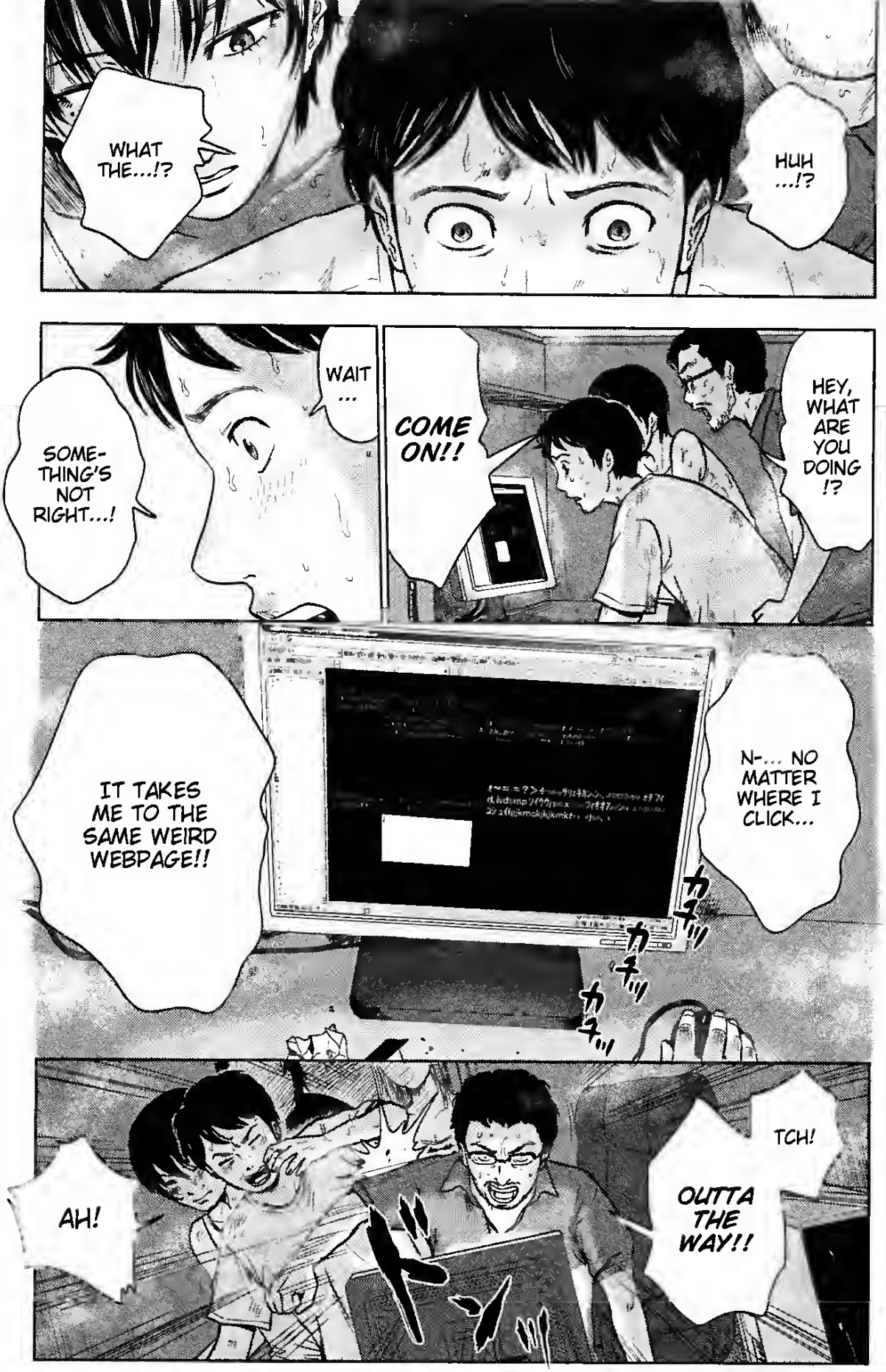
S-... SO THE INTERNET CONNEC-TION WAS UP!?

DO A SEARCH!! FOR SOME SORT OF INFORMATION!! QUICK!!
HEY!!


LIKE A NEWS SITE OR SOME-THING!!
YEAH!! SOMETHING THAT CAN TELL US WHAT HAPPENED!!

WAIT... HOLD ON ...!!
WHA-...!




WHAT THE...!?
HUH ...!?
WAIT ...
SOME-THING'S NOT RIGHT...!
COME ON!!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING !?
IT TAKES ME TO THE SAME WEIRD WEBPAGE!!
N-... NO MATTER WHERE I CLICK...
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カチッ
カチッ
AH!
TCH!
OUTTA THE WAY!!

.....
WH—... WHAT THE FUCK'S GOING ON!?
HUH!? WHAT THE...!?
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AH...!
WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER COMPUTERS!?
IT JUST GOES TO THAT STUPID WEBPAGE!
IT'S NO USE!
S-... SAME THING HERE...!
BUT WE'RE CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET, I'M TELLING YOU!!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!? ARE YOU FREAKIN' KIDDING ME!?

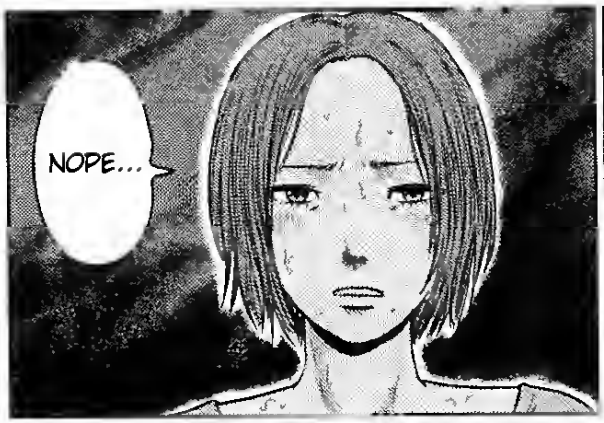
IF THE COMPUTERS CAN CONNECT, MAYBE OUR PHONES CAN TOO!
AH... WHAT ABOUT OUR CELL-PHONES!?
AH...!

NO SIGNAL...
4:04
NOTHING...

ALL THE LINES TO THE OUTSIDE ARE DOWN, AREN'T THEY!?
ARE WE REALLY IN FACT CONNEC-TED!?
THEN WHY ISN'T IT WORK-ING!?
AREN'T WE CONNECTED TO THE NET!?
JUST WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON!?
WHAT THE FUCK !?

OH, LOOK...
YOU ALL GETTING YOUR HOPES UP FOR NOTHING...
NOW, ISN'T THAT JUST SAD...
DISAPPOINT-MENTS LIKE THESE REALLY HIT HOME THE WORST, DON'T THEY?
THIS IS JUST A COMPUTER GLITCH!
MOVE ALONG, PEOPLE! NOTHING TO SEE HERE!

HAA...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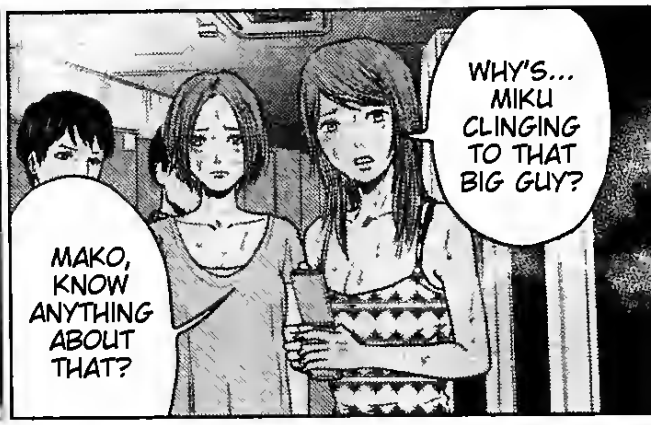
WHY'S... MIKU CLINGING TO THAT BIG GUY?
MAKO, KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT?

IS THIS REALLY JUST A GLITCH?

THERE MUST BE A HINT HIDDEN IN HERE SOMEWHERE!! A HINT TELLING US HOW TO GET BACK HOME!!
NO...
THIS... HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF CLUE!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT...
I DON'T KNOW ...
DOES THAT MEAN WE'RE REALLY CONNECTED TO THE NET?
THEN...
THEN THAT MEANS THIS REALLY *IS* TOKYO...
AND EVERYONE ELSE IS DEAD EXCEPT US...
WAIT!
IF WE ACTUALLY *ARE* CONNECTED...
KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FEELING, TOKI.
I...

WE'RE NOT CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET...
BUT WE ACTUALLY ARE... IS WHAT I THINK.

WH-... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
.....
.....

THIS ISN'T TOKYO. BUT NOT SOME ALTERNATE UNIVERSE EITHER.
THIS IS JUST... NOWHERE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NOWHERE"!? WE'RE ALL ALIVE *RIGHT HERE AND NOW*, AREN'T WE!?
WHAT!? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
.....
I... I CAN'T *STAND* THIS PLACE ANYMORE!
TOKI! JUST WHAT IS THIS *HINT*!?
FOR NOW, WE JUST HAVE TO FIND OUT AS MUCH AS WE CAN ABOUT THAT WEBPAGE...
BUT...
I... DON'T KNOW...
OKAY...
IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN HELP WITH, JUST LET US KNOW!
T-... TOHNO!

O-... OKAY...
EVERYONE, IF YOU FIND OUT ANYTHING, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!
I'LL LOOK INTO THIS AS WELL...
TOKI...
HUH!?
HURRY UP AND FIND IT QUICK...
THAT HINT...

YEAH...
HN...
MM...
HMPH
MMPH

I WON'T LET THEM GO...
I WON'T LET ANY OF THEM GO...
HMM...
I'M THE ONLY ONE GOING HOME!
第17話 終

DRIFTING NET CAFE...
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 3.

次巻、欲望はさらに加速する!!

IN THE NEXT VOLUME,
THEIR URGES AND DESIRES
REV UP EVEN MORE!!

to be continued.....

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